

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Thursday, October 28, 2020 – 5:00 pm
Downstairs Meeting Room – Montague Town Hall
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Christopher Boutwell & Michael Nelson

Staff: Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk and Health Clerk, Anne Stuart

Meeting being recorded.

Meeting offered through zoom.

Al Cummings opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Discussion: Food Service Permits 2021:

The Montague Board of Health held a special meeting due to the fact that Food Establishment renewals along with other Board of Health permits are schedule to be mailed out the week on November 1, 2020. Board of Health members and staff recognize that industries especially the food businesses are facing challenging times during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The board members met to discuss the reduction of fees for the food establishment industry here in Montague; as some surrounding towns are giving reductions as well. It was decided that all food establishment fees both service and retail will be a flat rate of \$100.00 for each permit held from the Montague Board of Health for the 2021 calendar year only.

It was asked that businesses continue to fill out the application and make any necessary changes and be sure to include copies of their Food Manager Certification (Servsafe/Experior) and Allergen Awareness with the return flat rate of \$100 with their applications.

Anne Stuart will draft up a letter to be included in the food establishment renewal packets the week of November 1, 2020. All temporary food, mobile food and caterer fees will remain the same going into 2021.

The Board of Health members and staff hope that this reduction of these fees to a flat rate helps our food establishments to be able to continue doing business in our community for 2021.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to approve a flat rate of \$100 for Retail Food and Food Service Annual Permits along with Food re-inspection fees due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Roll Call Vote: Michael Nelson – aye, Christopher Boutwell – aye, Al Cummings – aye

Meeting adjourned: 5:16 PM

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to adjourn the special Board of Health meeting at 5:16 PM. Seconded by Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

Roll Call Vote: Michael Nelson – aye, Christopher Boutwell – aye, Al Cummings – aye

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

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